



OUR country has among its statesmen many noble and worthy men whose names and good deeds should not be forgotten and whose memories should live forever in the hearts of a grateful and liberty-loving people. Of all these, Washington stands preeminently at the head. Naturally, and very rightly, he holds the first place in our thoughts and in our patriotic affections. The anniversary of his birth has long been a legal holiday, and if not observed with the same demonstrations of enthusiasm that mark Independence day, is yet enough of an event to turn our minds towards this great and commanding figure in American history, to keep before us this noble character and to stimulate within us a true love of our country, together with a broader and higher devotion to those principles of human liberty for which Washington and our fathers fought.

It has often been said that we Americans are prone to hero worship, and that to our great men are paragon of virtue and in all respects little less than saints. There may be a medium of truth in this charge, but if there is I fail to see that we, as Americans, should be ashamed of it.

George Washington well earned the place he holds in history and in the hearts of his countrymen; and while he was only human and, therefore, subject to human frailties and weaknesses,



BIRTHPLACE OF WASHINGTON.

as was, at the same time, and despite these facts, a great and a noble character. If it be true, as Shakespeare says: "There is a destiny which shapes our ends Rough-hew them how we will," it would almost seem that even in his boyhood days Washington began the formation of character that in after years enabled him to win the proud place he will ever hold among the great men of the earth. Laying aside as improbable and foolish many of the stories that have been told about him before he attained manhood's estate, it is still clear that he was no ordinary boy. He was scarcely in his thirtieth year before he had copied and compiled the rules of conduct, and these he studied diligently and applied them during his whole life both in social and business relations with others.

A study of the man, as shown in his career from a surveyor to president of the United States, discloses, we think, the leading traits of his character. Let us see what they were. In the first place, he was of a thoughtful, deliberative nature. He was possessed of tremendous will force, and this faculty, turned as it was in his case into the right channels, enabled him to carry forward that work of self-training which he began in his early youth and continued, so far as we know, to the close of his long and eventful career. He was studious in his habits, loved truth, honesty and sobriety; and these virtues, with the constant use of his reflective powers, soon gave to him a judgment ripened by thoughtful observation, far superior to that possessed by most men of twice his age and experience.

His innate modesty, too, is well known. In about the only letter to his wife that has been preserved he assures her that he did not seek the high places which the continental congress had given him as commander in chief of the American army. He also tells her in the same epistle that he could not shirk the grave responsibilities thus thrust upon him and that he could not, without bringing reproach and disgrace to his good name, decline the proffered honor. At the same time he expresses his fears as to his ability to handle the great interests intrusted to him, but adds, with modest confidence, that he will do the best he can and leave the rest to that Providence who had all along guided and protected him in every important undertaking.

This, then, is enough for us to know, that he did succeed in his new and responsible position, and in the discharge of his duties as commander in chief displayed the heroism, fortitude and courage that won for him the undying love and veneration of every true American.



MT. VERNON, WASHINGTON'S HOME.

Why should we, then, bother about the minor blemishes, if there were any, of such a man? It has been said of Washington that



at rare intervals he lost control of his temper and was especially irritable when tortured by the pangs of hunger. What of it?

He was still the great general, the patient, uncomplaining patriot, sharing the sufferings and hardships of his faithful soldiers, and never, for one instant, swerving in his splendid devotion to his country and the great cause of human liberty.

Yes, Washington was a hero. He was also a patriot and a statesman. And let it rather be guilty, in his case, of a little hero worship than forget what he did for his country and humanity. Better that American boys and girls should be taught along these lines than that they should grow up with no love for his memory in their hearts and with little or no knowledge of the man and his noble achievements. For to study Washington and his life means the inculcation of the principles of honesty, morality and patriotism; a veneration for God and native land, together with that sublime courage which makes men willing to die and dare anything in the course of justice and the right.

So on this 22d of February, 1894, let us turn our hearts and thoughts towards our own Washington, and in a study of his virtues learn lessons that will make us better and more useful citizens; make us prouder of the priceless heritage for which the war of '76 was fought, and more determined that the land which Washington loved so well shall ever be the best and freest on earth.

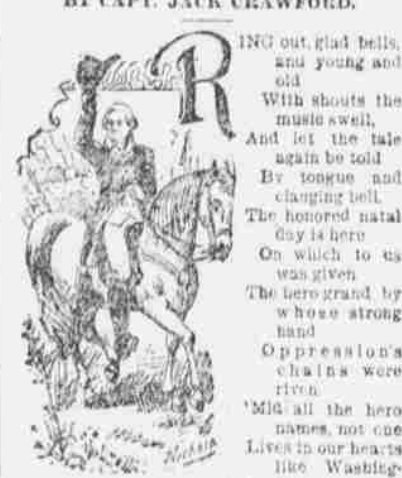
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MORE CUTE THAN HONEST.



Uncle—Now, my boy, you know that George Washington cut the cherry tree, and when asked who cut it he said that he did. If you cut that tree of mine over there what would you say?

Boy (promptly)—I'd say: "He did, too—Golden Days."



When in the grasp of tyranny Our country posture bowed, When wrong held sway on land and sea, And fight by force was cowed, The latent fires in patriot hearts To mighty flame burst forth, And lo! the call for freedom all To rise and prove their worth. Scarce had the echoes died away, Ere legends sought the fields of fray.

In that great hour of need, the Lord, In mighty wisdom, raised A man to wield the leader's sword, Where fires of battle blazed. A man of valor, in whose breast Was throned a loyal heart, A man whose hand was nerve to rend The galling chains apart, And hurl the hosts of royalty Back in defeat across the sea.

Our stricken land o'er hill and plain Was wounded with the graves, In which through all these years have lain The fallen hero brave. The tangled grass on prairie wide, The leaves in shaded wood, The timid flowers in Nature's bowers, Were stained with patriot blood— Ah! Great the sacrifice that we Might taste the fruits of Liberty.

By hand of Peace the storm was stayed, Smoothed was the wrinkled brow Of scowling War. Subdued, dismayed, Shattered their beastly vow, Our foesmen in their ships again Sped o'er the trackless sea, While glad some notes from myriad throats Praised God for Liberty.

And over the land by valor saved, Our warrent flag in triumph waved. Then rang the bells, and young and old With shouts the music swell— Let the glad tale again be told By tongue and clanging bell. On which to us was given That hero grand by whose strong hand, Oppression's chains were riven, The land of truth blot out the sun, We'll hail the name of Washington.

AN HISTORIC HOUSE.

George Washington's Headquarters at Newburgh, N. Y.

One of the historical places in the city of Newburgh is Washington's headquarters. It is a very pretty little building, overlooking the Hudson river. On the west side is a low porch, which is the entrance to the historical room having seven doors and one window. It originally was the dining-room. It contains one of the high old-fashioned fireplaces. Hanging to its black sides are a kettle once used by Lafayette and a few cannon balls. Near by is an almost life-size portrait of Gen. Washington, embroidered in silk.

To the right is Washington's bedroom. In this room are some chairs and a table brought from Holland in the year 1682, also portraits of Gen. and Mrs. Washington, and two very much worn flags. In the next room are Mrs. Washington's spinet and Washington's chair. The housekeeper's room is where the old ammunition



WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS AT NEWBURGH.

and guns are kept. The walls are literally covered with guns and muskets. In here are several links of the chain which was placed across the Hudson to prevent the passage of British ships during the war. Several other rooms are filled with minor curiosities.

The next floor can hardly be called a story, for it is only a small attic. Here repose ancient spinning wheels and kinnicks. Amidst the dust of ages on the floor lie several pairs of slippers. The stairway and hall are decorated with old oil portraits.

The grounds around the building are laid out as a park. Cannons and balls are arranged around. Near by is a monument of Washington.

From here there is a splendid view of the river and Storm King, and all the mountains stand forth in their glory. Altogether this is a very pretty, pleasant and interesting place to visit. Beatrice Weaver, in Harper's Young People.

THE SUN BURNING UP.

How Its Progress of Consumption Can Be Observed Daily.

The enclosed sketch is what might be called a photograph of the sun, showing "the burnt district" in that orb of 3,000,000,000 square miles in area.

Anyone can take this photograph by cutting a circular hole, about 2 inches in diameter, in a piece of paper, pasting it to a clean pane of glass in a window through which the sun shines, and then pinning to the wall, where the sun shines through this hole, a piece of clean white paper. There you will see the object photographed as I have tried to sketch it.



PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SUN.

I have been doing this daily for several months past and I find that the two large spots are in the same relative position and are of the same shape, though constantly increasing in size.

The largest of the upper spots has two or three white spots as yet untouched by the heat, while around them and all through the interior and outer edges of the spot can be seen what appear to be shadows of streaming flames, as when coal is burning in a grate or stove.

The lower large spot is ink black, with very little indications of combustion on its edges. The long spot has developed very prominently in the past two months. Other smaller spots can be observed on this photograph on the wall. While intervening clouds and mists are easily distinguished, these spots remain the same, constant-

ly developing, with others appearing in the clear space.

To photograph the sun in this way and watch it consuming itself, it seems to me, would be interesting to many readers. But to me it is intensely thrilling, because of the prophecies of the Bible. I saw and taught, nine or ten years ago, that by 1901 in April the sun would become "black as sackcloth of hair" (Rev. vi, 12), so that the angel could stand in it and summon the forces of the air and the hosts of the field to the "supper of the Great God" (Rev. xix, 17-19), and hence old Sol would shine no more (Rev. xxi, 23-25). Then this apparently foolish idea was laughed at, but now astronomers are beginning to acknowledge it as a literal and scientific fact.—John S. Willette, in St. Louis Republic.

ARTIFICIAL SNOW.

Simple But Amusing Experiment with Sulphuret of Carbon.

A very beautiful and interesting effect may be obtained by a simple experiment with sulphuret of carbon. This is a colorless liquid, formed by the union of sulphur and carbon. It should be handled with extreme caution, as it is highly inflammable. To produce the effect shown in the illustration, you have but to fill a small flask with sulphuret of carbon. Pierce a hole through the center of the cork stopper. Roll up finely a piece of white paper, and pass it through the hole in the cork until the lower end touches the bottom of the flask. The upper end should project somewhat above the cork, and be cut into narrow strips like a fringe, each strip being made to stand out well from the rest. Let the apparatus stand, and at the end of fifteen minutes you will find the cut paper covered with little particles of snow.



ARTIFICIAL SNOW EFFECTS.

The liquid has mounted in the paper by capillary attraction. Coming in contact with the air, its rapid evaporation causes such a sudden drop in the temperature of the air immediately surrounding it that the moisture contained in the atmosphere condenses and appears in the form of snow. This experiment may be successfully tried in midsummer and in full sunshine. It is advisable, however, owing to the powerful and disagreeable odor of the liquid employed, to conduct the operation out-of-doors or on a window-sill. Once a Week.

With the Dear Girl.

Maudie—We must confess that Mabel is a very pretty girl.

Glady's—Yes, very. But her complexion might be better.

Maudie—And her nose is just a little too reticent.

Glady's—Of course it is. Don't you think her hair's kind of streaky?

Maudie—A little. But I object more to her mouth. It's a bit too wide.

Glady's—Like her ears.

Maudie—And her eyes are such a funny color.

Glady's—Green mixed with amber—I know.

Maudie—It's a pity she dresses like a fright.

Glady's—Yes, it makes her look so dowdy.

Maudie (with a sigh)—But she's a very pretty girl.

Glady's—Yes, a very pretty girl—Chicago Record.

The "Snow-Line."

The "snow line"—that is to say, the line of perpetual snow—varies considerably according to its proximity to the equator. In Bolivia its average height is 15,320 above sea level; Northern Himalaya, 16,620; Andes at the equator, 15,250; Central Mexico, 14,750; Southern Himalaya, 12,950; Chili, 12,750; Caucasus, 11,900; Pyrenees, 8,950; Alps (south side), 8,800; and north side, 8,000; Alaska, 5,500; Kamchatka, 5,200; Northern Norway, 2,800; Iceland, 3,084, and polar regions sea level.

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